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Edinburgh, Aug. 16.

THE Right Honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*, upon his first coming hither, before the opening of the Parliament, was, by an Order from the King, Sworn one of the Lords of the Privy Council, and accordingly took his place at the Board.

Edenburgh, Aug. 18. This day the Act *For continuing the Supply for Maintaining His Majesties additional Standing Forces*, was Passed without a dissenting Vote, which is too large to be here inserted. And on Saturday next will be brought into Parliament, an Act For Securing the Peace of the Kingdom.

Edenburgh, Aug. 23. On Saturday last the Parliament met, and the Act *For securing the Peace of the Kingdom* being Presented, the consideration thereof was Adjourned till Yesterday when the Parliament again met, and was Adjourned together with the farther consideration of the said Act till Saturday next.

Hague, Sept. 2. In the absence of the States of *Holland*, and of the Prince of *Orange*, not any thing of moment passes here. The Princess we hear is going to *Aix* to use the Waters, and part of the Guards who are to attend her Highness have received their Orders for that purpose.

Brussels, Sept. 2. On Saturday last the Chancelor of *Brabant*, and two of the Counsellors were by the Prince of *Parma*'s Order sent prisoners to *Vilvord* Castle, for refusing to publish an Ordnance his Highness had sent to them for redressing several Abuses, concerning the Processes that are made in the Court of *Brabant*; but the rest of the Counsellors were yesterday to wait upon his Highness, and to assure him that they were ready to publish the said Ordnance, which they accordingly did. This day the Prince of *Parma* parted from hence for *Antwerp*, where he will stay some days. From *Courtray* they write that Monsieur *Pelletier*, the first of the French Commissioners was arrived there, and that thereupon the Conferences were renewed.

Paris, Aug. 30. The King, as we are told, has appointed the Count *de Choiseul*, the Count *de Plessis*, and the Marquis *de Boufflers* to be Lieutenant-Generals of the Army that is to March towards *Italy* under the Command of the Mareschal *de Schomberg*. We are expecting a farther account from Monsieur *au Quesne* of what he has done against the *Tripolins*, whom he had blocked up in the Port of *Scio*.

Windsor, Aug. 26. The following Addresses have been presented to His Majesty.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, the Grand Inquest for the County of *Cornwal*, at the Assizes held at *Lancestion* the 28th day of *July*, *Ann Dom.* 1681. Most humbly present to Your Sacred Majesty this tribute of our Thanks, for those great Blessings we have ever enjoyed under your most Gracious Government; Your Majesty hath not only restored us to our Liberties, and preserved us in peace, when our neighbors were harassed in Wars; inriched us with the Trade of the whole world, whilst they were consuming their Blood and Treasure, but secured us in the purity of the Protestant Religion, maugre the subtil contrivances of her most inveterate Enemies; and we doubt not but the same matchless Wisdom, quickened by Your Majesties known Zeal to the Protestant Religion, and compassionate care of your Subjects will make as good Provision for their future security; for in Your late most Gracious Declaration, Your Majesty was pleased to give us Your Royal Word, that Your Majesty will continue to support the Protestant Religion, and to extirpate the Popish, to make frequent use of Parliaments, and to Govern by the Laws, the which we cannot disbelieve, without the forfeiture of our Reason, as well as our Loyalty: For the late horrid Design to introduce Popery by the Murder of Your Majesty, is as perfect demonstration of Your Majesties Integrity to the Protestant Religion, as humane Actions are capable of; Your Majesties continued Endeavours to prevent, and compose all differences betwixt the two Houses of Parliament; and the liberal disposal of Your Majesties Treasure, and shortening your Revenues for the support of Your Kingdoms (Your great Wisdom considered) makes it most evident unto us, that your Majesty hath no other design than of Governing by the Laws of the Land; Your whole Reign not affording one single instance of any person deprived of Goods, Liberty or Life in an Arbitrary way; a Blessing no Nation besides can boast of. And although we are behind others in this verbal way of Acknowledgment, yet we will be second to none in hazarding our Lives and Fortunes for the defence of Your Majesties Person, and lawful Successors, the Religion and Government now by Law established being zealous to follow the example of our Predecessors, the memory of whose Loyal valour, Your Royal Father hath perpetuated to all posterity.

Devon ss.

The Presentment of us the Grand Inquest for the said County, at the Assizes, and general Goal-delivery held at the Castle *of* Exon, *on Monday the first day of* August, *in the three and thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King* Charles *the second,* Ann. Dom. 1681.

AMong all the late demonstrations of Loyalty, and the grateful Oblations of Good and Honest Hearts, with the most Loyal of whom we heartily concur in a faithful and pious sence of our Duty and Office, as we are the Grand Jury of this County, we think our selves obliged to present (as the source of all our Mischief,) the growth of Popery, Faction, and Fanaticisme; we cannot but take notice in every part of the Countrey, of their restless Designs against the Government, and their too successful Attempts in disturbing our peace and quiet; and whilst they are permitted to meet in numbers, and to have their Houses (as it it were Magazines of War) to the terror of all Loyal Men, filled with Arms; we who have already experienced their cruelty, have just reason to fear and cannot think the Sacred Person of the King safe (whom God long preserve) and on whom depends the safety of us all, and especially since the discovery of the late horrid Plot and Treason against him, unless the Laws are put in execution, and their Arms seized; and we think none of our Laws too severe for such who will not live quiet under so good a Government; and we humbly crave leave to observe, that our Corporations and Burroughs, who have so great a share in the Government, are now the Nurseries and Seminaries of Faction, Sedition, and Disloyalty. We acknowledge our selves happy beyond any other people, in the excellent Constitution of Parliaments, whilst their Members are chosen by Honest and Loyal Men; but we cannot but think it an unhappiness to be Governed by those who have once already made us slaves. We therefore humbly desire, that all the Laws for regulating Corporations, particularly a Statute made in the 17th year of this King, for Restraining Nonconformists from living in Corporations, may be duly put in execution; So may our Gracious King, who hath known and felt the Barbarity of these people, enjoy many and happy daies; and we under him all the blessings of Peace, and may there never want one of that blessed Line to Govern this Kingdom in an uninterrupted Succession, till Earthly Crowns and Scepters shall be no more.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Addres of the Mayor and other Inhabitants of the Burrough of Weymouth *and* Melcombe-Regis, *in the County of* Dorset.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesties Loyal Subjects, being highly sensible of the great trouble your Majesty hath undergone, occasioned by persons, who now (thanks be to your Majesties especial care) lie gasping under the burthen of their old beloved Commonwealth Principles, by reason of their disappointments, do heartily rejoyce to see the Eyes of many of Your Majesties Subjects, who were almost blinded by delusion, so far opened by Your Majesties late Declaration, that they are now (instead